(e) if not, by when the rural area exchanges are likely to be modernised on priority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) State	Modernised	Old
Maharashtra	1824	316
Andhra Pradesh	1137	893

(c) (i) Small capacity non-electronic telephone exchanges are planned to be modernised by March. 1997.

(ii) Large and medium capacity nonelectronic telephone exchanges will be modernised on expiry of their useful life.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) By the end of the year 1997 progressively.

Expenditure spent on advertisements

3654. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by his Ministry on advertisement given to Newspapers direct or thorugh DAVP etc. during the period 1992- 93 and 1993-94 language wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Directory

3655. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the "Hindustan Times" dated 4th August, 1994 under the caption 'phone directory" unlikely this year,

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that subscribers have been facing a lot of problems on account of non-availability of updo-date telephone numbers; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to supply the directory without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c). The last main telephone directories for Delhi and Bombay were published in the year 1992. Supplementary directories were brought out in the year 1993 in both Delhi and Bombay. Contract for the 1994 issue has already been awarded and directory data has been made over to the contractor. The directories for the 1994 are likely to be available in the last quarter of 1994.

Payment of incentives to stamp vendors

3656. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Stamp Vendors are paid incentive @2% of the total sale of stamps and stationery from the counter of Post Offices to motivate the staff;

(b) if so. whether it is also a fact that their incentives are being restricted to 1/ 3rd of their emolument; and

(c) if so, the'reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c)The ceiling was imposed keeping in view the practical limitations on the amount of sale in retail within the specified duty hours.

Multilateral STD facilities in Bihar

3657. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the cities in Bihar where only one way'STD facility is available; and

(b) by when multilateral incoming and outgoing STD facility will be made available in the cities where incoming STD facility is not available?